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My name is Richard A Bazyn and I live at 2244 410th Avenue, Victor, IA 52347.

I am writing you to voice my comments concerning the intent to issue exemptions on the regulation of **49 CFR 391.41 (b) (3)** in agreement to the intent to issue exemptions. I would like to share with you how my life has changed and how I feel a chance for exemption could benefit myself and others.

I just recently left a job at Golden Sun Feeds in Grinnell, Iowa after being employed by them for 32 years. Twenty-two of those years were spent driving straight trucks and semi through out Iowa and parts of Missouri. I am also proud to say that in those 22 years I never once had an accident. My driving career ended in October of 1999 as it was determined at that time I had to become an insulin-using diabetic. Having diabetes for two years prior to that date I fought my doctor's advice of going on insulin only because I knew my driving career would end.

I am now employed by Hall's Feed & Seed, 100 Brady St, Brooklyn, Iowa 52211. An exemption issued to me would allow me to pick up and deliver feed in Central Iowa. Since this is a small family owned business, I am the only employee that is affected with diabetes.

I believe that if the exemption is issued to me, the safety of others would not be at risk. When I became an insulin-using diabetic I learned at that time that certain safe guards had to be taken to insure a healthy lifestyle. One of those safe guards is the fact that I check my blood sugar 4 times a day. I also carry glucose tablets with me, so if I do feel the need for more sugar I can take care of the potential low immediately. I have routine appointments with a diabetic specialist in Des Moines, Iowa in which my diabetes is monitored closely.

I feel that my diabetes has in no way hindered my potential to continue my twenty-two year accident free CDL driving record. I would like to say that I feel that most diabetics take better care of themselves than do over 50% of the regular population does in this country. I believe most diabetic specialist will agree with that statement as well. If diabetics are taking regular blood sugar test daily and seeing a doctor on a regular basis, I see no reason to believe that an insulin-using diabetic would lessen the safety of our highways.

I sincerely appreciate your time in reviewing my request for exemption.

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